

Remarks

Claims 1-22 are pending in this application. Claims 1-8 and 11-17 are allowed. Claims 9-10 and 18-22 are rejected. The drawings have been objected to by the Examiner. Applicants have amended claims 9, 19, 20 and 22. No new matter has been added. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner reconsider the application in view of the amendments.

Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Applicants have amended the claim 9 to initially refer to “a” connection rod.

Claims 18, 19, and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. Applicants indicate in claim 1, lines 2-3 that antecedent basis is provided by the term “a put-away position.” Claims 18, 19, and 21 depend from claim 1. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw this rejection.

Claim 19 is amended to state that the front roof part in the put-away position is in the middle and that the rear roof part in the put-away position is uppermost. This is consistent with the drawings as previously submitted. No drawing revision is required.

Claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Applicants have amended claim 20 to indicate that the roof parts are stacked in the same planar orientation in the put-away position as in the closed position. Applicants describe this orientation in paragraphs 0019, 0024, and Figures 1 and 4.

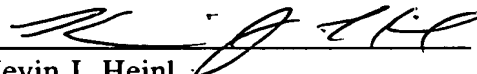
Claim 22 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being “synchronous, isochronous.” Applicants amended claim 22 to delete the word “isochronous.”

Drawings are objected to under 35 C.F.R. § 1.83 (a) as not showing every feature of the claimed invention. Claims 19 and 20 have been amended to cancel the features that were previously mischaracterized in the claims.

The Examiner is requested to telephone Applicants' attorney if it would advance the prosecution of this application.

Applicants have amended the claims to place this case in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this case to issue.

Respectfully submitted,
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